

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Hampton (City)	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME
COMMON: FORT MONROE
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Old Point Comfort, at northern terminus of U.S. 258, Hampton			
CITY OR TOWN: Hampton			
STATE Virginia 23351	CODE 51	COUNTY: Hampton (City)	CODE 650

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY		
OWNER'S NAME: Department of the Army		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D.C. 20301	CODE 11

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION		
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. City Hall		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN: Hampton	STATE: Virginia 23369	CODE 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS		
TITLE OF SURVEY: Robert Arthur, <u>History of Fort Monroe</u> (Fort Monroe, 1930)		
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local		
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

a. BACKGROUND INFORMATION: As the nearest continuously held Union stronghold to the Confederate capital, Fort Monroe played an important role in the conduct of the war in the Eastern Theater and along the Atlantic coast. Due to its role as a staging area for Union military and naval expeditions, the fort witnessed the epic fight between the U.S.S. Monitor and the C.S.S. Virginia (Merrimac) on March 9, 1862.

Built between 1819 and 1834, the fort was one of the major United States military posts from the time of its establishment. Robert E. Lee, then a lieutenant, played a prominent part in the final stages of its construction, 1831-34. With the abandonment of the Norfolk Naval Base at the beginning of the war, the Union fleet was based on the northern shore of Hampton Roads. The Confederate ironclad Virginia, steaming out from Norfolk on March 8, 1862, brought havoc to the Union wooden ships, but her drawn battle with the newly arrived Monitor the following day ended the threat. Thousands of spectators stood upon the ramparts of Fort Monroe to watch the momentous battle of the ironclads on March 9. From Old Point Comfort, two months later, Union forces moved to reoccupy Norfolk as the Confederates withdrew. President Lincoln, visiting Fort Monroe, was a spectator at the reoccupation of Norfolk.

During the last year of the war, Fort Monroe was a reception point for exchanged Union prisoners, en route back to their commands from the exchange point at Aiken's Landing, farther up the James River. From May, 1865, to May, 1867, Jefferson Davis was confined in one of the fort casemates until his release on bond.

Status: Fort Monroe, still an active army post, is headquarters of the Continental Army Command. The original brick fort of 40 acres is located in the center of the post, which occupies about 640 acres. The old fort is little changed from its 19th century appearance, most of the subsequent development having taken place on other sections of the post. Three casemates of the old fort have been converted into an excellent museum, which has an annual visitation of about 100,000 persons. The Jefferson Davis Casemate contains the restored cell in which Davis was confined, together with museum exhibits giving the highlights of his career. The Old Fort Monroe Casemate contains exhibits on the history of the fort, covering such varied topics as McClellan's Peninsula Campaign; Old Fort Monroe; Poe as a Soldier; Fort Monroe, 1801-1865; Grant at Fort Monroe; Lee at Fort Monroe; Black Hawk at Fort Monroe; Old Point Comfort; and the Peace Conference of 1865. The Monitor and Merrimac Casemate contains exhibits telling the story of the ironclads and their battle, including 1/4-inch scale models of the vessels complete to the minutest detail. A number of the early buildings have special interest, such as the Centurion Chapel, built in 1858, and Quarters No. 1, built in 1819 and occupied by President Lincoln during his 1862 visit.

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7 b. BOUNDARIES: Fort Monroe, Hampton, Virginia, consists of about 640 acres. Within Fort Monroe is a moat which, including the area covered by the moat, surrounds about 63 acres; it is known as Old Point Comfort. The original brick fort at Old Point Comfort consists of about 40 acres.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | | <u>History (Civil War)</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The nearest continuously held Union stronghold to the Confederate capital. This fort witnessed the historic fight between the USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (Merrimac).

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion (27 vols., Washington, 1894-1917), Ser. I, Vol. VII; War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies (70 vols., Washington, 1880-1901), Ser. I, Vol. XI; ibid., Ser. II, Vols. II, VIII; J. P. Baxter, The Introduction of the Ironclad Warship (1933).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	37 ° 00 ' 25 "	76 ° 18 ' 31 "	0		
NE	37 ° 00 ' 24 "	76 ° 18 ' 34 "			
SE	37 ° 00 ' 04 "	76 ° 18 ' 10 "			
SW	37 ° 00 ' 06 "	76 ° 18 ' 08 "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

63

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Frank S. Melvin		DATE 6/30/12
ORGANIZATION Virginia State Office, National Park Service		
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 10008		
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	STATE Virginia 23240	CODE 51

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name

J. R. FISHBURNE, DIRECTOR
VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Title

Date

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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(July 1969)

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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Hampton

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Virginia 23351

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650

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S. Geological Survey - Hampton quadrangle

SCALE: 7.5 topographic 1:24,000

DATE: 1965 - photorevised 1970

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

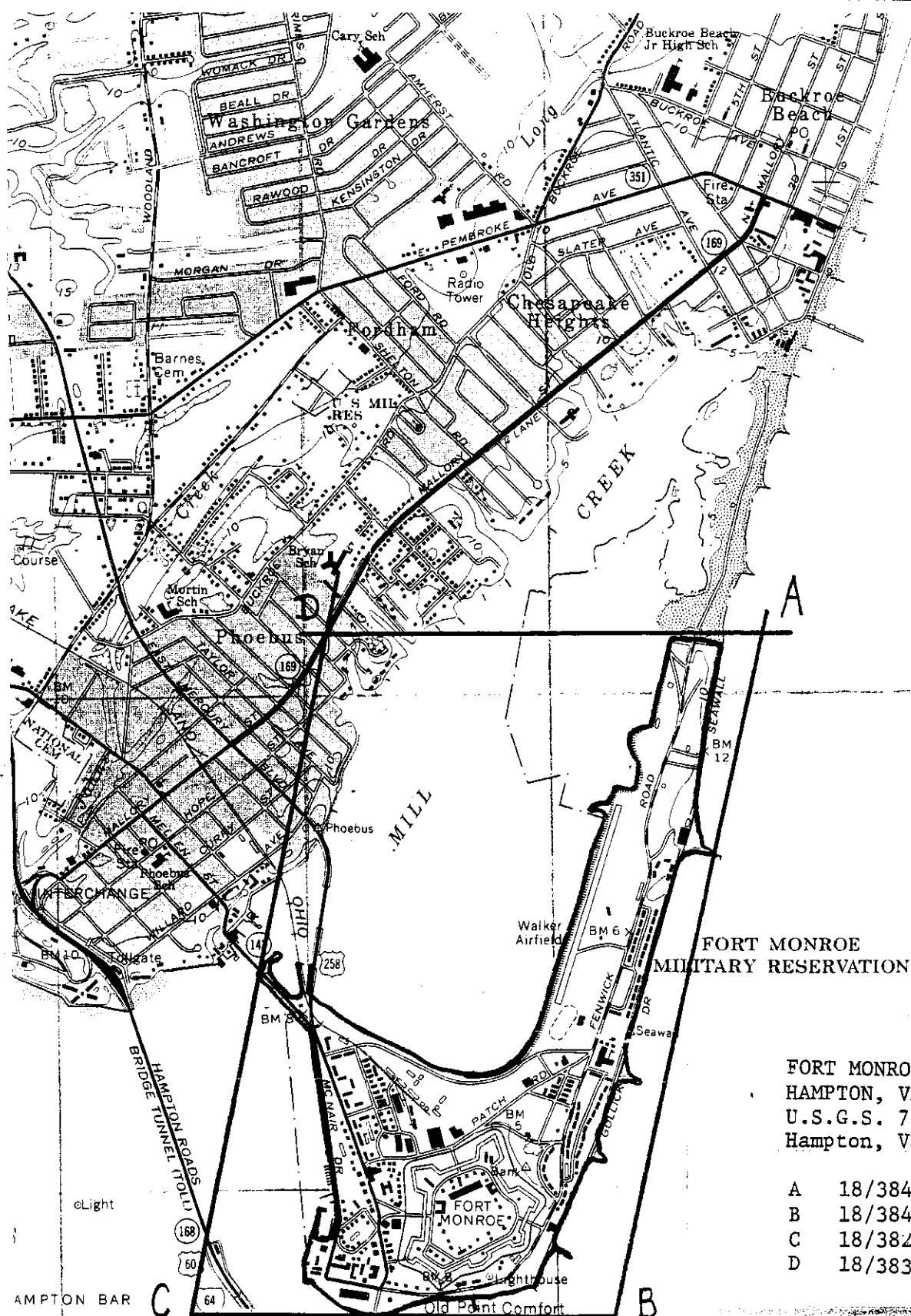
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DATE OF PHOTO:

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

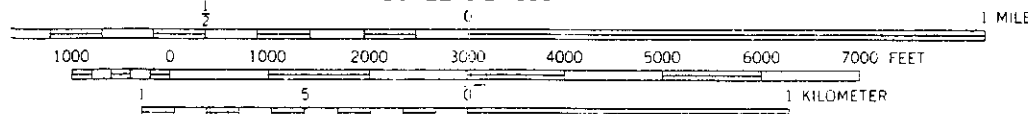


FORT MONROE
HAMPTON, VA.
U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute
Hampton, Va.

A 18/384860/409825
B 18/384230/409548
C 18/382520/409549
D 18/383100/409825

382 NORFOLK (U.S. 460) 6 MI. (NORFOLK NORTH) 5757 IV NE 384 17'30"

SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET

DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2.5 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

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